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1. AGENCIES HERE HAVE REVIEWED CLIFF DOKE'S OUTLINE AND AGREE IT PROVIDES COMPREHENSIVE BASIS FOR NECESSARY DATA COLLECTION. THOUGH OUTLINE ALREADY RATHER LENGTHY, USDA SUGGESTS INCLUSION TWO ADDITIONAL POINTS: A) COMPARE KNOWN ADVANCES IN AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY WITH FARMING PRACTICES CURRENTLY IN USE TO DETERMINE POTENTIAL
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FOR IMPROVING PRODUCTIVITY, AND B) RELATE REGIONAL INFOR-

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MATION TO NATIONAL ECONOMY.

2. WE WISH TO LEAVE MANNER OF PRESENTATION OF OUTLINE TO MISSION. WE DO THINK IT IMPORTANT NOT TO OVERWHELM PAKISTANIS WITH MAGNITUDE OF PROJECT. TWO CONSIDERATIONS SEEM IMPORTANT TO US. FIRST, GOOD DATA BASE WILL ALLOW MEANINGFUL PREPARATION FOR TEAM MEMBERS FROM BOTH COUNTRIES AND, SECOND, THIS PRELIMINARY STEP SHOULD NOT UNNECESSARILY DELAY FIELDING OF TEAM AS PART OF STRATEGY OF GETTING COMMITMENT ON POPPY BAN. PAKISTANIS SHOULD UNDERSTAND BOTH ARE IMPORTANT. IF SOME INFORMATION IS NOT READILY AVAILABLE WHOLE REPORT SHOULD NOT BE HELD UP. PAKISTANIS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO CONCENTRATE ON SETTLED AREAS WHERE INFORMATION BASE FIRMEST AND WHERE OUR

INTEREST MOST IMMEDIATE.

3. OFFER FROM US OF EXPERT ASSISTANCE FROM AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIST MIGHT HELP, ESPECIALLY IN INITIAL STAGES OF CONSIDERING DATA COLLECTION TASK. WE THINK EXPERTISE AVAILABLE IN MISSION, BUT IF TIME CONSTRAINTS OR OTHER CONSIDERATIONS LEAD YOU TO REQUEST TDY FROM ELSEWHERE FOR THIS PURPOSE, AID/WASHINGTON READY TO CONSIDER SUCH REQUEST.

4. REQUEST YOU PROCEED TO TABLE THIS OUTLINE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE INTEND TO INCLUDE REFERENCE TO WEST VISIT AND BINATIONAL TEAM IN CONTEXT OF BHUTTO VISIT AS EVIDENCE OF OUR WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT PAKISTAN DRUG PROGRAM.

5. WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK PAKISTANIS FOR INITIAL RESPONSE TO OUTLINE BY END OF SEPTEMBER. DOES MISSION CONSIDER THIS REALISTIC?

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